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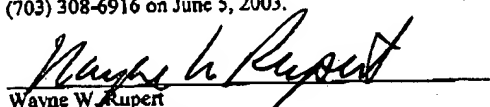
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Listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith are several English-language and/or non-English-language documents. Applicants respectfully request that these documents be listed as references cited on the issued patent.

Applicants also wish to bring to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's attention a recent statement made by Juha Kononen, who is listed as a co-inventor in the present application. Dr. Kononen sent a letter dated March 28, 2003, to Cristina Thalhammer-Reyero, an employee at the Office of Technology Transfer of the National Institutes of Health ("NIH") of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which is an assignee of the present application. In the March 28th letter Dr. Kononen states that "U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 002/0192702 does not appear to discuss an apparatus for preparing specimen arrays which uses a removable bridge to place the donor block under the punch. While at the NIH, I considered such a bridge to be the best way to hold a donor block in the apparatus for preparing tissue arrays."

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0192702 is a publication of a pending application (Serial No. 10/215,762) also directed to tissue microarrays and also listing Dr. Kononen as co-inventor. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/215,762 is a divisional

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application of Serial No. 09/622,686, which was already cited in the present application (see Information Disclosure Statement mailed October 7, 2002).

For purposes of placing Dr. Kononen's statement into context, we note that Dr. Kononen is no longer employed at the NIH. In addition, it is Ms. Thalhammer-Reyero's understanding that Dr. Kononen is a principal and/or employee of a company that is developing products in the technology area of the present application.

Applicants also wish to bring to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's attention the following co-pending application (a copy of which is enclosed along with a copy of the filing receipt):

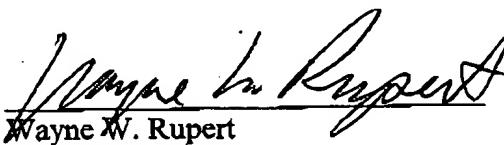
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/305,800 to Kononen et al.
(filed November 26, 2002)

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